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SUBJECT: TPJMC RED CROSS SOCIETY VISITS TO SVN PRISON CAMPS

1. PARAGRAPH 8 (C) OF THE PARIS COMMUNIQUE PROVIDES THAT TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES SHALL WITHIN 15 DAYS OF SIGNATURE ALLOW NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETIES TO VISIT ALL PLACES WHERE CAPTURED AND DETAINED PERSONNEL ARE HELD.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS JUNE 21, CHIEF RVN DEL IN-
SISTED THAT MATTER OF VISITS BY NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETIES MUST
AWAIT EFFECTIVE CEASE- FIRE UNDER TPJMC SUPERVISION ALTHOUGH GVN
READY TO SEND INVITATION TO CANADIAN RED CROSS AT ANY TIME
AGREEMENT REACHED WITH OTHER SIDE.

3. GVN SPOKESMAN HAD ANNOUNCED AT JUNE 20 PRESS CONFERENCE
THAT TPJMC SUBCOMMITTEE HAD AGREED ON INVITATION TO CANADIAN
AND POLISH RED CROSS SOCIETIES TO VISIT PRISON CAMPS IN SVN.

4. CLARIFICATION REQUESTED BY EMBASSY FROM RVN DEL SOURCES
JUNE 22. WE WERE INFORMED THAT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AT SUB-
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COMMITTEE LEVEL ONLY ON PRINCIPLE, MODALITIES REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT. RVN DEL CONCEPT IS THAT VISITS SHOULD BE RECIPROCAL AND ALTERNATE, I. E. THAT VISITORS COULD VISIT ANY SELECTED GVN PRISON, THEN VISIT EQUIVALENT VC PRISON CAMP BEFORE NEXT VISIT TO GVN INSTITUTION. REMINDED THAT PRG DEL HAS INSISTED THAT THERE ARE NO DETAINMENT CAMPS IN PRG AREAS, RVN DEL SOURCE RE-MARKED " THAT' S A COMPLICATION".

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MATTER IS ACTIVELY UNDER DISCUSSION AT SUBCOMMITTEE LEVEL, WE BELIEVE ACTUAL AGREEMENT ON JOINT LETTER OF INVITATION WILL LAG BEHIND OTHER MATTERS VIEWED AS MORE URGENT BY BOTH SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES, AND MAY WELL NOT BE AGREED WITHIN 15- DAY DEADLINE SPECIFIED IN PARIS COMMUNIQUE. WHITEHOUSE

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